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Ban on Milk from China
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) has decided to extend the ban on import of milk and milk products from China till June 2018;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for banning milk and milk products from China;

(d) whether the Government is planning to ban the import of any other products from China in view of the prevailing political scenario;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a) & (b): Yes. FSSAI recommended for extension of ban on import of milk and milk products (including chocolates and chocolate products and candies/confectionary/food preparations with milk or milk solids as in ingredient) from China till 23.06.2018 or until their safety is established on the basis of credible reports and supporting data, whichever is earlier. On the recommendation of FSSAI, the Department of Commerce has issued a notification on 22.06.2017 extending prohibition on import of milk and milk products from China for one more year i.e. till 23.06.2018 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

(c): The Department of Commerce had imposed a ban for three months on import of milk and milk products from China in September, 2008 due to finding of contamination with melamine. The ban was further extended for six months and the imports of chocolate and chocolate products and candies/confectionary/food preparations with milk and milk solids as an ingredient, were also included in the ban. The ban has since been extended on yearly basis in absence of any dependable report available about significant improvement in the situation.

(d) to (f): FSSAI considers the issue of putting restriction on imports of a food product from the perspective of food safety and hygiene only. At present, there is no proposal under consideration in FSSAI for putting ban on other food products from China.